

**ANDOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

Town of Andover  
36 Bartlet Street  
3rd Floor Conference Room  
7:45pm

**Conservation Members in Attendance:**

Chairman Donald Cooper, Commissioner Alix Driscoll, Commissioner Jon Honea, Commissioner Greenwood and Vice Chairman Kevin Porter. Staff member present was Linda Cleary, Conservation Agent.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**235 Salem Street**

*Staff Recommendation: Approve as Pos.2b, Neg. 3 and Neg.6*

**Present in Interest: John and Tara McCormick**

Public Hearing on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John and Tara McCormick under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, and/or Andover Wetlands Protection By-Law for the proposed abandonment of an existing septic system and tie into town sewer at **235 Salem Street**.

Agent Cleary presented these to the Commission. The filing is complete under the WPA only. The project also contains an addition which will be built outside the 100 foot buffer zone. The delineation is more conservative than the Town Wetland Maps. Due to snow cover, the delineation cannot be confirmed, so staff recommends no ruling be made on wetland boundary. The ruling will be for septic work only and any other work to be performed within the 100 foot buffer will require a filing.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Driscoll made a Motion to approve as Neg.3, Pos.2b and Neg.6; it was seconded by Commissioner Honea and unanimously approved.

**38 Sunset Rock Road**

*Staff Recommendation: Continue to March 17<sup>th</sup>.*

**Present in Interest: Sandra Christopher**

Public Hearing on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Sandra and Rick Christopher under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, and/or Andover Wetlands

Protection By-Law for the proposed installation of an inground pool, retaining wall, raising of the yard, installation of fence and construction of a shed at **38 Sunset Rock Road**.

Agent Cleary presented this to the Commission. The filing is under both the WPA and By-Law. Waivers are requested for an engineered plan, tree line, contours, etc. The Applicant modified the As-Built Plan. The original filing for this lot included a pool, patio and cabana, none of which was built by the developer. A Certificate of Compliance was issued for this lot. The erosion control remains in place and the Applicant can use this with a little refreshing of the line. Verification of the wetland line is not an issue as non-disturb bounds were set in place for the Certificate of Compliance. Replication plantings were put in at the time of the Certificate of Compliance as well and will be monitored by staff in the spring.

Additional information is needed:

1. How much fill will be added and where;
2. How high is the retaining wall and will it be installed from the pool side;
3. Provide construction sequencing and methodology for construction of the retaining wall.

Vice Chairman Porter would like a clearer plan as the one provided with the filing is difficult to determine the project and the closest point from the retaining wall to the wetland line. He also questioned the accuracy of the placement.

Staff has requested the additional information as well as engineer calculations showing this project has less earth disturbance than the previously approved plan.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Driscoll made a Motion to continue to March 17, 2015; it was seconded by Vice Chairman Porter and unanimously approved.

## **24 Foster's Pond Road**

*Staff Recommendation: Continue*

Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Mark and Maryellen Florio under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed construction of an addition to an existing single family dwelling at **24 Foster's Pond Road**.

Agent Cleary presented this to the Commission. The applicant has requested to be continued to March 3, 2015 due to snow covered conditions.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Driscoll made a Motion to continue to March 3, 2015; it was seconded by Vice Chairman Porter and unanimously approved.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **Minutes**

Approval of minutes from February 3, 2015.

Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda; it was seconded by Commissioner Honea and unanimously approved.

## **LATE/DISCUSSION ITEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE A VOTE:**

### **Special Projects Report**

Bob DeCelle presented his Special Projects Report for 2014. He reviewed projects completed by volunteers and advised that more maintenance of the projects is now required which more costly. The more projects done, the more needs to be maintained. Vice Chairman Porter agreed that more volunteers are needed and will address the overseers at the Overseer Meeting.

### **Doyle Link/Bay Circuit Trail**

Bob DeCelle presented the update to the Commission. The grant money for the trail work has been received. It is proposed to install 1,000 feet of boardwalk through the wetland and out onto High Plain Road. The state trail grant was given to Andover Trails because they are removing a portion of the trail from the roadway. All cutting will be done off site.

### **Overseer Nominations**

Vice Chairman Porter asked for approval of Kevin Blanchette and reappointment of Nate Beams. Commissioner Driscoll made a Motion to approve the appointment and reappointment; it was seconded by Commissioner Honea.

**Executive Session was tabled.**

**The next meeting will be held March 3, 2015 at 7:45pm.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm by Motion of Commissioner Driscoll and seconded by Vice Chairman Porter Townson and unanimously approved.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Lynn Viselli,  
Recording Secretary**